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SUBJECT: ACTION AGAINST TERRORISM AT INTERPOL MEETING

1. DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE INTERPOL GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MEETING IN FRANKFURT SEPTEMBER 19-26, DISCUSS PROBLEM OF TERRORISM, PERHAPS UNDER RUBRIC OF "PROTECTION FROM LAWLESS VIOLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS." INASMUCH AS INTERIOR MINISTER GENSCHER WILL BE ADDRESSING OPENING SESSION AND MEETING IS BEING HOSTED BY FRG, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BOTH USEFUL AND APPROPRIATE IF GERMANS WERE TO TAKE LEAD IN PRESSING FOR THIS SORT OF ACTION AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHETHER, AS WE ASSUME, GENSCHER PLANS TO REFER TO RECENT EVENTS IN MUNICH DURING HIS ADDRESS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BE INFORMED WHETHER THE FRG DELEGATION TO INTERPOL, HEADED BY WERNER HEINL, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BUNDESKRIMINALAMT (BKA), INTENDS TO PROPOSE THAT THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF COUNTERING TERRORIST ACTS BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA. IF SO, WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHETHER GENSCHER OR FRG DELEGATION PLAN ANY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS AT THIS POINT. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO STATE THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH GERMANS ON HOW TO GIVE MOST EFFECTIVE SUPPORT TO THEIR INITIATIVE.

3. IN THE EVENT THE FRG DELEGATION IS NOT PRESENTLY PLANNING TO INTRODUCE SUCH A RESOLUTION, EMBASSY SHOULD

SUGGEST THAT IT WOULD BE HIGHLY APPROPRIATE, IN OUR VIEW,

FOR COORDINATION WITH

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FOR THE GERMANS TO CONSIDER PROPOSING A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD PUT INTERPOL ON RECORD AS CONDEMNING LAWLESS VIOLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND AGREEING TO USE ITS FACILITIES TO COMBAT SUCH VIOLENCE, ANALOGOUS TO RESOLUTION ON HIJACKING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AT 1970 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

4. WE LEAVE LOCUS AND LEVEL OF APPROACH TO DISCRETION OF EMBASSY BUT BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE DONE AT SUFFICIENTLY HIGH LEVEL TO DEMONSTRATE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT, AN INTEREST WHICH WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT FRG FULLY SHARES. (AS EMBASSY IS PROBABLY AWARE, PAUL DICKOPF, RECENTLY RETIRED PRESIDENT OF BKA, IS CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF INTERPOL.)

5. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS OF EMBASSY APPROACH BY IMMEDIATE CABLE, SEPTEMBER 12. INFORMATION IS REQUIRED URGENTLY BY DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE FORMED AT SECRETARY'S DIRECTION PURSUANT TO PRESIDENT'S DIRECTIVE TO UNDERTAKE INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST TERRORISM. FYI: PARTICULARLY IF FRG RESPONSE IS NEGATIVE, WE WILL NEED TO MOVE SWIFTLY TO FIND ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF SECURING OUR OBJECTIVES AT INTERPOL ASSEMBLY. ROGERS

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